

# Health News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## **Chelan County**

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Leah M. Blue** (NA60073499) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted or failed to account for vicodin tablets, and she also stole at least \$560 from patients. She was convicted of theft.

In December 2010 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacist **Gary L. Hauber** (PH00010118).

## **Clark County**

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Shalonda D. Hart** (NC10088331) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries about a complaint.

In December 2010 the Veterinary Board of Governors granted the application of veterinary technician **Michelle M. Lacey** (AT60014514) and placed her credential on probation. She was convicted of conspiracy to commit manufacture of a controlled substance — marijuana. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

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In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Destini Dawn Shuemaker** (NA60146380). She was convicted of driving while license suspended, theft on more than one occasion, domestic violence — malicious mischief, and two counts of violation of order.

In December 2010 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Kelly Curtis Smith** (CH00002760) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient and had sexual contact with another patient.

## **King County**

In December 2010 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Megan A. Danbom** (D160102814) and placed her credential on probation for two years. She was convicted of attempted theft and reckless driving. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

In December 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Michael E. Greer** (MD00019765) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with a commission order.

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Gloria C. Hall** (NA00142161) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly fraudulently transferred more than \$21,000 from a patient's bank account into her own account. Her license to operate an adult family home was revoked by Department of Social and Health Services. She was also convicted of theft with abuse of trust.

In December 2010 the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Program charged **Robert L. Horwith** (LF00001152) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to provide the department with requested documents in response to a complaint.

In December 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Anthony Rains** (MD00021268) with unprofessional conduct. The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard when treating a patient, resulting in patient death.

## **Pierce County**

In December 2010 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacy technician **Todd A. Long** (VA00016940).

In December 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of **Joy Ann Herman** (CP60145240) and placed her license on probation until March 2012. Terms and conditions were set against her credential to practice as a chemical dependency professional trainee in 2010 and registered counselor in 2007. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against **Christina M. Hernandez** (NA60092373).

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In December 2010 the Medical Commission terminated the agreed order against physician **Maryanne McDonald** (MD00020851). Dr. McDonald's license is unrestricted in Washington.

In December 2010 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Michael L. Milasich** (CH00000943) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly took substandard X-rays and failed to adequately document to support the level of chiropractic services he provided and billed for when treating patients.

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the certification application of certified nursing assistant **Brent M. Pritchard** (NC60182962) and placed conditions against his certification. In October 2010 conditions were set against his registration to practice as a nursing assistant based on a conviction for possession of cocaine/cocaine base. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

# **Snohomish County**

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Scott A. Kjorsvik** (NA00123139) with unprofessional conduct. Allegedly he appeared intoxicated and his conduct appeared impaired during his scheduled shift. He allegedly tested positive for alcohol and methadone in a urinalysis.

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program released certified nursing assistant **Danyell Rita McSparran** (NA60049256, NC60079259) from terms and conditions set against her credentials.

In December 2010 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Juley Marie Petrowski** (RN00106523). She failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her license. She must comply with new terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2010 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Justin D. Whestone**. He allegedly practiced as a health care assistant and practiced medicine, radiologic technology, and physical therapy without an active credential.

In December 2010 the Nursing Commission placed the license of licensed practical nurse **Leslie J. Young** (LP00037142) on probation for three years. She allegedly incorrectly recorded a physician order for patient care and recorded an order that was not given by either the physician or director of nursing services. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

## **Spokane County**

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **David Edward Harrison** (NC60185172) and placed conditions against his certification. He was convicted of driving under the influence and two counts of reckless endangerment. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

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# **Thurston County**

In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Brenda Lynn Longoria** (NA60186520) and placed her registration on probation for one year. She was convicted of possession of marijuana 0-2 ounces in 2006. Her credential to practice as a pharmacy technician in Texas was suspended. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

## **Walla Walla County**

In December 2010 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Carmen L. Hunter** (RN00117144). She failed to comply with prior terms and conditions set against her license. She must comply with new terms and conditions set against her license. She is also known as Carmen Miller.

## **Out of State**

**Alaska:** In December 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against certified nursing assistant **Bonnie Lee Nelson** (NC60116922).

**Florida:** In December 2010 the Medical Commission released physician **John E. Nees** (MD00019699) from terms and conditions set against his license. Dr. Nees' license is unrestricted in Washington.

**New Jersey:** In December 2010 the Nursing Commission vacated a prior denial, granted the application of registered nurse **Sherri Ann Boseski** (RN60118736), and placed conditions against her license. She was convicted of two counts of assault. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

**Oregon:** In December 2010 the Medical Commission modified the agreed order against physician **Larry L. Kovachevich** (MD00025067). He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license. He cannot practice medicine in Washington unless authorized by the commission.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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